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CIA Misnamed or Mismanaged

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The Central Intelligence Agency is a very important organization in our government and is depended upon for a lot of vital information. Its recent record, however, seems to leave a lot to be desired.

The CIA didn't know what was going on in Cuba when the Russians were installing their missile and military personnel there. The CIA gave the government unreliable information before the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. The CIA apparently doesn't now definitely know what the present Russian military strength is in Cuba. The CIA apparently doesn't know what the Russian fishing fleet with all its electronic gear aboard is doing off our coast.

The CIA apparently does not know if the Russians are buying so much wheat and other grain because of a bad production year at home or whether she is buying it to stock pile it in case of war. The CIA claims absolute ignorance of the coup in South Viet Nam, even though it was pulled off right under their collective noses.

All this adds up to one conclusion: either the CIA is misnamed or grossly mismanaged. In either case, it is about time something was done about it. I would suggest that it be handed over to J. Edgar Hoover for reorganization into the effective and dependable information agency the American public has a right to expect it to be.

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